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LENT.

Day after tomorrow is the second Sunday in Lent.

Not all of the churches set apart the forty days of lent for formal observance, but it might well be included in the calendar of our churches. For properly observed, Lent may be made a helpful season to all thoughtful, earnest men and women, whether Christians in fact or by name only. It is a period for re-consecration and regeneration.

Lent is not to be approached or regarded lightly, but rather should be considered prayerfully, reverentially, thoughtfully. Many of us observe Lent in a shallow way, carefully adhering to its outward forms while failing to understand its deep significance or its message and therefore deriving from it no real help or benefit. But so it is with religious matters always; so much of it is merely "going through the motions," in conformity to habit or in recognition of customs established by society. There is no current in this conception of the purpose of Lent. The shallow understanding of it is that it is a season for the crucifixion of the flesh, whereby we gain merit by denying ourselves some of the material comforts and indulgences which we most dearly prize. Such is the superficial view of Lent, as we find it portrayed in the irreverent so-called humor of our humorous periodicals. But if that were all of Lent, it would be of no value either to the church or to the individual. It is true that self-denial has a part in the proper observance of Lent, but only a part; it is not the thing itself.

Lent is a time for spiritual inventory, for spiritual stocktaking, for spiritual introspection. It is a season for calm contemplation of the serious realities of life. It is an opportunity for closer communion and fellowship with God. It is a time for consideration of the higher, nobler things of life. In Lent we reach back into the secret recesses of our souls and bring out our ideals and remove the dust of disuse from them and refresh them and set them up again in the inner shrines of our hearts and pay homage to them.

Lent is a privilege, not a penance. Lent is opportunity, not discipline. Much of our lives is devoted to frivolity and to heedlessness. Much of our effort is given to ministering to the desires of the flesh. Much of our energy is exerted for the purpose of accumulating material possessions by means of which we make our lives comfortable and easy. Much of our time is wasted in gratifying our love of sensual pleasures. It is well therefore, that we should on occasion pause in the midst of our worldly activities and take thought of the things which are eternal.

"Man cannot live by bread alone," said the wisest man who ever lived, and no truer thing ever was said. Man has a spiritual being as well as a physical being, and as well as he can nurture it, or he can starve it. But only as he cultivates his spiritual nature will he be able to derive from life its deepest joy and its supreme satisfaction. Much contemplation of the things which are material makes us gross. The fierce struggle for existence in which we are all engaged, the unceasing striving for the means of livelihood under the compulsion of necessity, the contest for place and power and wealth—these things keep us down in the pit among the wolves, our eyes upon the ground and our thoughts only upon the struggle. We need at times, therefore, an impulse to lift our eyes to the stars, to dwell on the great mysteries of the universe, to inquire whence came and

whither we go, to search our hearts and mind that we may ascertain what our purposes may be, to ask for enlightenment and to pray for understanding and humility.

"Come ye apart and rest awhile"—such is the invitation of the Master, and Lent affords us opportunity to accept the invitation, in gratitude and fullness of heart. In Lent and its devotions the worn and the weary may find peace and rest for their souls, the sorrowing find solace for their wounds, those who mourn be comforted, the doubter and the discouraged renew faith and hope, the joyous realize new joys, the serene become yet more serene, and the devout attain to yet greater heights of exaltation. By such means as life made fuller, sweeter, more complete and more worth while.

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit; for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Such is a layman's conception of Lent.

Dillard School Rally

The patrons of the Dillard and Morten school met with the Dillard school February 22nd in a rally to raise funds for a new school building. At 1:30 o'clock the house was packed to its utmost capacity. Prof. R. T. Butler, County Supervisor was selected chairman. Miss Stella L. Howe, teacher of Dillard school addressed the meeting and expressed her gratification on having the honor of securing the farmers and visiting teachers. The new school building seemed to be uppermost in each mind.

Supervisor Butler outlined the possibilities now almost visible by a little effort on the part of the patrons. Mrs. Mattie D. Bracy, teacher of Morten School spoke on the Union of patrons and what might be accomplished by these community organizations.

The editor of the Sentinel was introduced and gave some timely remarks. He urged the absolute necessity of self help. He said that these community gatherings are infusing new life in the rural districts.

Prof. Butler in a few remarks cleared away all doubts and stumbling blocks and asked "Doubting Thomas" to step aside and let education and progress march on by appointing a committee of seven to look after the proposed new building. The following were appointed: John Henry, Chairman, R. T. Butler, H. S. Holden, C. H. Evans, Mrs. Millie Freeman, Mrs. Sarah Miller and Mrs. Rena Henry. Miss Stella L. Howe, Secretary, C. H. Evans, Treasurer.

A sixty days campaign for Dillard School beginning February 22. The following subscribed with now and then cash:

John Howland \$1.50
R. T. Butler 50c
Stella L. Howe 50c
John Henry 50c
H. S. Holden 50c
C. H. Evans 50c
C. H. Evans 50c
George Hall 50c
W. R. Waters 50c
Dave Smith 50c
A. D. Freeman and wife 4.50
M. L. Garrett 2.50
Peter Alexander 2.50
Tom Lyle 2.50
Taylor Patterson 2.50
J. S. Bracy 2.50
Jessie Freeman 2.50
Sarah Miller 2.50
John Caruthers 2.50
Rena Henry 2.50
Mary J. Butler 2.50
Cremie Luster 2.50
Robert Haynes 2.50
Mattie D. Bracy 2.50
W. E. Hester 1.00

Total subscriber at the first rally \$85.00
This committee will meet March 22, 1917.

Watch for Big Fashion Show at Quality Shop.

Mrs. Alice Chanton of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was in the city visiting her son, Mr. John Sykes, of 612 14th ave. N.

Little Miss Mabel Lee Sykes of 612 Fourteenth avenue, North, has been very sick but is able to go to school again.

Watch for Big Fashion Show at Quality Shop.

Mrs. Bettie Hayes of Chicago is in the city the guest of Mrs. Allen McAdoo, of 614 14th avenue, N.

Mrs. Alice Mooney has several sick children in the home. She is also indisposed.

Little Miss Alice Turner of 608 14th avenue, N., is indisposed.

The North Nashville Star Club No. 5 of the Lewis Street Baptist Church met Tuesday night at Mrs. Leanna Mooney's home, 609 13th avenue, N.

Watch for Big Fashion Show at Quality Shop.

Mrs. Fannie Pierce of 614 14th avenue, N., is convalescent.

Little Miss Louise Franklin and Masters Leroy McAdoo and Mansfield Neely are convalescent.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late Mrs. Martha Allen take this opportunity to express their thanks to the many friends for their kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and death of their mother.

Mrs. Allen, the widow of the late Lytle Allen, who had been in failing health for many years departed this life Sunday night, February 18th.

Dr. C. Eugene Allen, Dentist of Philadelphia, Mr. Jas. Allen of Chicago, Mrs. J. C. Woods of Dayton, Ohio, Mrs. Cora Lee Higbee of Great Falls, Mont., Messrs. Lytle Allen, Chas. Allen, Albert Allen of this city join in expressing this card of thanks.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY NEWS

Lincoln University, Penn., Dec. 18, 1917.

My Dear Sir: I am inclosing a gist of the recent happenings on our university campus. I hope you will not cast them in your wastebasket, but will recast and use as you see fit the better part of it.

I received a copy of your paper in the early part of September and have anxiously waited around it, but up to this time I've not seen it. I am expecting to subscribe very soon for your paper as I've not seen any news of Jackson, Miss., since I left in May. Expecting to see something for my meager gist of our activities and to read your paper soon. I am ever yours truly, D. T. FORD.

My highest personal regards to Mrs. Stuart and family. SOPHOMORES MASSACRE FRESHMEN IN GRIDIRON CONTEST.

By D. T. FORD, Editor, Lincoln University, Penn., Dec. 9, 1916.

The most interesting game of foot ball of the season was played on Lincoln University campus Saturday, Dec. 9, 1916. A clean game of foot ball that would do credit to any of the major teams of the east was staged between the Sophomores and the Freshmen teams. The game was stubbornly contested from beginning to the end and only the quick thinking of the "Sops" saved the game. The teams were about equal, but from a standpoint of merit and versatile playing, the Soph's team was the superior.

It may interest some by knowing that the teams of each class were composed of boys from the Southern states, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas, and Florida. Both of Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., were in the game from start to finish. Captain Proctor made many a sensational run, after gaining ten and twenty yards. The first touchdown for the Sophomores was made by "Big" Tom Williams, the husky 225 pounder from the "Lone Star State." Williams played end. Now when Waters, the star quarterback, signaled for a forward pass, Williams rushed through the Freshmen's line and caught the piskin in front of him and never stopped running until he was under the goal. This seemed to take the "ginger" out of the Freshmen and before they could set themselves together the Sophomores had piled up three other touchdowns.

The class spirit exhibited on each side of the field was strong and showed the real sportsmanship of the men at Lincoln University. After the game the Sophomores had a big dinner and at night the Sophomores orchestra went to the gymnasium and had a free-for-all.

We have had snow here each day since December 12th and although it is deep in some places, we are yet on the alert and expect to do our best in all things.

Perhaps you may be interested to know that we have organized an ice skating club, in which Texas, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi are well represented. The purpose of this club is to keep our boys from the far south together, to keep before them the fact they have a duty to perform in the Southland.

Lineup.

Sophomores Freshmen
Ford 100 Herrin
Cooper 100 Lyle
Doyle 100 Diggs
Moore 100 Powell
Walker 100 Newsome
Hopkins 100 Howell
Williams 100 Buck
Waters 100 Bailey
Balmantier 100 Cromwell
Murre 100 Newman

Substitutes.

Culbace **Harris**
Bates Peeler
Haywood Beal
Gerran Meekins

GALEDA CLASS OF THE FIFTEENTH AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Galeda Class No. 2 met at the residence of Mrs. Ada Walker, 1302 Jo Johnston avenue, last Wednesday night with sixteen in attendance. The president called the roll and ordered at 8:30. After the opening the teacher, Rev. W. F. Porter, in the usual way discussed the lesson and brought out some very interesting points in the lesson, after which the roll was called. Quotations are due next in order, to which the members very readily responded. We had two Metoka visitors present who made a few remarks and complimented the class on the good work they were doing.

Plans for a parlor concert were discussed for the next future. After all business the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Priscilla Swift, served a very tempting ice cream, mints and fruits.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church met in their regular meeting Sunday afternoon at the residence of Miss Bridgewater on Lea avenue, with a full attendance.

The president, Mrs. W. J. Hale, presided. Father Wright said prayer. Much business of importance was discussed and transacted, and the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary.

The ladies were delighted to have as their guest Father Denby of Keeling, Tenn., who is in charge of the colored work in the Tennessee Diocese, the president of the Episcopal School at Keeling. He made a very excellent and helpful talk which gave much strength and inspiration to all present. Another pleasing feature of the afternoon was the reading by Mrs. D. Wellington Berry.

The next meeting will be with Wright at her residence, 610 Sixth avenue, S., Sunday afternoon, March 25th.

STAND BEHIND THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Clemmie White of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Young Men's Christian Association, On March 18th.

Her record for past achievements for the public weal is a good one. Pay Your Subscription and give instructions that it go to the credit of the March 18, 1917 receipts. \$2,000 is the goal for that date. Ladies' day at the new home of the Colored "Y" March 18, 3 p. m.

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INTERESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DANISH WEST INDIES WHICH COST THE UNITED STATES \$25,000,000—COLOR LINE NOT SHARPLY DRAWN IN ANY OF THE ISLANDS INHABITED MAINLY BY MULATTOES.

By Charles R. Flandreau. Introducing our newly-acquired friends—the Danish West Indies. They are some fifty in number, and cost \$25,000,000 each. Make their acquaintance, because at this price they are valuable friends.

About forty miles eastward of Porto Rico lies a group of islands that have recently been the subject of much discussion in the American press. In all, they number fifty, although there are only three of them which are well-known. Those three are St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

Each of these three islands is unique in its distinguishing characteristics. St. Thomas is noted for its fine harbor, and it is also an authority on rum, although the variety of rum which it produces is of a very temperate variety, being nothing more or less than bay rum. St. John boasts the production of the finest bay leaves in the world, and thus adds materially in the world-wide reputation of its sister island, St. Thomas. St. Croix, or Santa Cruz, as the Spaniards call it, also contributes to the ramifications of the liquor industry. This time however, it is the genuine article in the form of Santa Cruz rum.

The general appearance of the island of St. Thomas is that of the summit of a submerged island. The island is thirteen miles in length and averages approximately two miles in width. The surface of the island is given almost entirely to a continuous chain of hills, which make agriculture along modern lines almost impossible. For this reason practically the entire population is obliged to depend upon the harbor to furnish them a means of subsistence.

The harbor of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, is indeed a most excellent haven of refuge for all classes of sea-going vessels. It is protected by nature from the violent ocean storms by means of an outer fringe of small islands, and is also well lighted and buoyed. This harbor is in direct line of communication between European ports and the entrance of the Panama Canal, and is also in direct line of the course between the Atlantic ports of North and South America.

St. John is the smallest of the three islands, while St. Croix is the largest, wealthiest and most thickly populated. The executive power of the islands was, previous to their purchase by the United States, in the hands of a colonial governor appointed by the Danish crown. It is a matter of history that since March 30, 1866, Denmark has exercised absolute control of the islands except for a few months in 1801.

There are two distinct colonial councils in the islands which are vested with legislative power. One of these is situated at Christiansted, St. Croix, and the other at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas. Two of the cardinal points of the franchise requirements are unique in the originality.

The ancient and most venerable real estate which yields a monthly income of \$5; or second, his personal income must be at least \$300 per annum. Another requirement, which is undoubtedly purely of West Indian origin, is that the voter must be of unmixed character. Without casting any reflections on American policies it is timely to say that this qualification might work well in the American system.

One of the landmarks of antiquity which still exists in the Danish West Indies is the whipping post. Although the Danish crown appointed local judges from the kingdom of Denmark to rule for life in the islands, these ancient methods of punishment are still to be found throughout the island. It is quite possible that the United States may see fit to give the errand sinners of the islands an opportunity to compare the modern instrument of torture with their accustomed ones.

The school system of the island is in excellent shape and under the supervision of the present school director many new buildings have been erected and the system has been brought up to modern standards in general. Education in the islands is compulsory between the ages of 7 and 13. The courses of instruction do, however, vary somewhat from those in vogue in the states, as it has been the aim of the Danish government to transfer the inhabitants of the Danish West Indies in practical subjects, such as agricultural pursuits, etc. The present enrollment in the public schools is 3,500 pupils. Two sessions are held every week and are longer than the school sessions in the United States, lasting from 7 to 11 in the morning, and 1 to 4 in the afternoon. The teachers are for the most part natives of the island who have received special courses of instruction at Copenhagen. The salary paid the teachers of these sessions is not large enough at present to entice dispossessors of education from other parts of the world to any great extent. Grammar school teachers receive \$30 per month and high school teachers receive \$40 per month for twelve months in the year.

There are two newspapers in St.

Thomas which are published daily. These papers get their outside news from the West India and Panama Telegraph company, which issues daily bulletins of information concerning the outside world. These daily papers differ from the American papers in the respect that they give the outside news in a very brief form. With a cable rate of 50 cents per word between New York and St. Thomas or St. Croix, it is not to be wondered at that they take just as little as possible.

The islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix are also provided with ample telephone service, there being three central offices located on St. Croix and one in St. Thomas. In the former island the lines are operated by the local government.

If an American were to go to St. Thomas and enter into agricultural labor, there is little doubt but that at the end of the first week he would owe his employer money for working. The average wage for labor of this variety is 25 cents per day. It includes board and lodging and the privilege of keeping chickens or goats, but the element of thrift is so obviously lacking from such employment at such compensation that there is little danger of there ever being strong competition between domestic and foreign labor in this field. As a general thing the natives prefer to work at the docks whenever there is work to be done there, for the reason that this pays the magnificent sum of \$1 per day.

The island of St. John was at one time a very prosperous agricultural field. The cost of production of agricultural fruits and the abolitions of slavery has caused the development of the island to be neglected until at the present time the raising of bay trees is about the only industry in this line which is thriving. The topography of the island is prohibitive of the use of modern implements and this is another discouraging element. St. Croix, on the other hand, is especially adapted to agricultural pursuits, and at the present time there are approximately 45,000 acres under cultivation on the island; 13,000 acres are devoted to the production of sugar cane, 2,000 to cotton and 30,000 to miscellaneous products.

The people of the Danish West Indies are for the most part natives. It is also true that the color line is not at all sharply drawn in any of the islands. The officials of the islands come mostly from Denmark and represent the Danish aristocracy.



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which moved the large congregation to tears. He closed with a strong appeal to all who know not God in pardon of their sins to seek the city of Refuge which is Christ Jesus. Preceding the sermon, Rev. Wm. Fowles of the C. P. Church, read a Scripture lesson and offered prayer, after which Miss Corie Watson sweetly sang, "I know you pilots me." Rev. A. Allison, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, spoke on the life of the deceased. His words reached the hearts of the listeners. The choir softly sang, "Angels get my mansion ready." Mr. Long was a highly respected citizen and esteemed by white and colored. His pleasant smiles and gentle disposition won for him many friends. Those who failed to love him surely didn't know him. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy. Sunday was an ideal day and the services at the various churches were largely attended. One looking about him had the pleasure of frocks. The fashions latest creations. Mr. Austin W. Springer spent a few days of last in Paducah. Mrs. Laura Winn has returned from Cairo. Little Carr Edward Reeves, is quite ill of measles. We hope for the little fellow a permanent and speedy recovery that he may again cheer us with his kindly greeting and pleasant smiles. Mrs. Lucy Totten is spending a few days in Duquoin, Ill. Rev. L. J. Valentine of Pegram, Tenn., is spending some time with his family. Mrs. Charlotte Vincent of Martin, spent Sunday in our city as the guest of Mrs. H. W. Watson. Rev. H. G. Killbuck of Rives was a pleasant visitor in our city Saturday. Misses Cleo and Willie Fly of Champaign, Ill., spent a few days of last week with Mrs. Ella Swift on Vine St. They returned home Saturday morning. A welcome awaits you at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Sunday school, April 8th, has been set aside as "Go to Sunday School Day." We are expecting you and will be disappointed if you fail to come. Mrs. Mattie Polk of Hickman, was in the city Friday. Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Strayhorn and Mrs. Lovie Greenwood of Nashville and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Long of Hickman attended the funeral of Mr. Frank Long. Miss Laura Maters is reported much better at this writing. Rev. S. R. Skelton, the world's greatest Negro evangelist will preach at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, March 4th. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Smith, is begging everybody to come out and hear this man of God tell the old, old story that has caused many to accept Christ. Come, you are welcome. Miss Loraine Hudson of Rives, entered the Public School here, last week, she is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jackson, on Gibbs St. The Four Leaf Clover Club met with Mrs. Marshall Mosely on College street, Monday afternoon. Quite an interesting meeting was held. After business the hostess served a dainty two course menu. The meeting adjourned to be with Miss Zula Caldwell, on West Lea St. Those wishing to take piano or violin lessons apply to Mrs. Willie Ann Burdine. Mr. Odie Herring of Cairo and Mrs. Essie Singleton of this place were quite married, Saturday night. We wish for them many happy days. Some people can't understand why so many long faces are seen and so many regretful sighs heard in Baptistville. I verily believe it is all on account of the recent "Bore-dry law." To keep pace with the time, one must read. Why not read the Globe? See "C. Davis for the same. Miss Tennessee Davenport is spending a few days in Droversburg, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. Sanderson.

COLUMBIA.

Prof. J. H. Kelly went to Williamsport, February 22, to address the school at an entertainment the occasion being Washington's Birthday. The entertainment was well arranged and beautifully carried out. Mrs. Beatrice King Harlin principal, Mr. J. C. Moss died at the home of his parents, after an illness of several months. His funeral was from the residence, conducted by Dr. J. Frances Robinson, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Following were the pall bearers, Messrs. Robert Green, Ben Frierson, Walter Green, Jr., J. Bradshaw, John Wilks and Edgar Mayes. Rev. J. Q. Johnson went to Dickson to meet an educational meeting of the A. M. E. Church, last week. Mr. William Watson of Nashville was here to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. James Moss. Mrs. A. P. Crews went to Nashville, Saturday, 24th to attend the funeral of Mrs. N. W. Ryder. Prof. A. Sampson Brown is back at his post of duty in the city schools, after a week's sickness. Mr. Dyer Johnson, age 80 years, died at his home at Godwin, February 24th. Mr. Johnson had been an invalid for years. His funeral was largely attended at Friendship Baptist Church, of which he had been a deacon for 35 years. He was highly respected by his own people, and the white people as well. He was a worthy citizen and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived. He was buried with Masonic honors. Mr. John Halfacre of Chicago is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Italy Halfacre. The Killenlian Literary Club, "Part Two" of the high school rendered a very interesting program last Friday. Mrs. Mary Frances Peeler is confined at her home South Glade street with a gripple. Mr. George Stevens is quite ill at his home, east Seventh street. The drama, "The New Minister" under the management of Miss Eddie Johnson was repeated at Mt. Lebanon last Tuesday night to a very appreciative audience. An entertainment, "A Mid-winter Picnic," at Mt. Lebanon, February 26th, under the management of Miss Mary Bradshaw and Mrs. Mable McLenore was a success. Miss Cassie Cannon, Maury County Supervisor of rural teachers is with the Theta and Gravel Hill School this week. Prof. J. H. Kelly recently visited and addressed the school taught by Mrs. Maud Williams Walker. Miss Annie Lee Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Smith is seriously ill at their home, East 7th Street.

MAYFIELD, (KY.).

Sister Sallie Parrish, and aged citizen, departed this life, Monday at 11:30 p. m. Wednesday at 3 o'clock found Fairview Baptist Church filled to its utmost capacity with sorrowing